

Council Response Is Tentative To Proposed FY10 City Budget

by Thomas X. White

Traditionally the first council worksession on the budget covers a general budget overview, a review of expected revenue experience and predictions for the coming fiscal year. Many of these are dependent on estimates by the State Comptroller's office. The session also is to review the General Government portion of the budget, which includes personnel (staffing), administration (city manager's office), elections, finance and administration services, information technology, legal counsel, public information and community promotion and public officers associations.

At the start of the worksession, however, on Monday, March 30 Mayor Judith Davis asked councilmembers if they had initial thoughts or comments on the proposed budget presented to them a week earlier by City Manager Michael McLaughlin at the March 23 regular meeting. At that time only the mayor had offered a comment following the manager's presentation, in just one word – "sobering."

Now other councilmembers provided their assessment; they were just as reserved and tentative as in the mayor's brief reaction.

Councilmember Leta Mach indicated she was glad the manager included the past year's visioning results as a key factor in developing the proposed budget. Further, she noted, "How we can fund programs related to the realization of the visioning goals will be a challenge."

Councilmember Konrad Herling stated he had no predetermined goal at this stage but looking for ways to raise revenue other than through taxes should be explored. He reiterated his proposals for council consideration of hiring a grants coordinator and/or a marketing director. He emphasized that those proposals should be viewed as a future approach to enhance the city's ability to raise revenue other than through taxes.

Councilmember Edward Putens indicated he was willing to explore Herling's proposals. As he was the councilmember who, prior to the budget presentation, had suggested the manager include in his proposed budget departmental recommendations for a 1 percent, 3 percent and 5 percent reduction from the prior year's budget, he said that council needs to evaluate those scenarios now.

Moving beyond her previous

"sobering" position, Davis used the opportunity to expand on her budget assessment, saying that she was glad the proposed budget held the line (on the tax rate) and that no employees were laid off. She would like to look for ways, she said, to keep the contract post office facility open. She noted, however, that she was not sure why residents were not using it more as an alternative. She also will be looking to see if city departments were evaluating cutbacks and other savings in their budgets.

Manager Speaks

McLaughlin then began his traditional educational treatment of the budget document, using handouts to highlight important information to evaluate and compare past budgets with the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget. These handouts were taken directly from the budget document or extracted from it.

One is the General Fund Summary (page 15) in the budget document. McLaughlin used his highlighted version to walk council through the evolution of the current status of the city's fund balance from Fiscal Years

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St. Hugh's Enrollment Drop Raises Concerns for the Parish

by Mary Moien

In response to a letter sent to all St. Hugh's Church parishioners, Grenoble Hall was filled for a meeting on March 31 to discuss the future of St. Hugh's School. Reverend Walter Tappe, pastor, led the meeting with input from Tiffani James, school principal, and two representatives from the Archdiocese of Washington.

Tappe described the decrease in children in Greenbelt and in the county. He said that enrollment at the school has been in a decline since 2002. He pointed to the proposed closing of several county elementary schools in the near future.

In addition, at the end of the last school year, two long-time teachers and the principal left the school – one retired, one moved, and one took a different position in another school. The turnover has added some stress to the school but Tappe emphasized that standardized test scores have remained high.

In the 2002-03 school year the school had 243 students. Since then, the numbers have decreased each year. The school had 178 students at the beginning of this school year. The school recently

asked parents to pre-register their children for the next school year.

Only 122 new and returning students are registered to date, although there was hope that additional registrations from new and returning families would pick up in the weeks and months ahead. Although school tuition could be an issue during the economic downturn, Tappe mentioned that no parish child had ever been turned away for lack of money.

Tappe indicated that with a decreased enrollment, the need would increase for monies provided from the parish fund. It would be possible, he said, that funds would be exhausted in only two or three years.

Since 2007, parishioners have been providing about \$60,000 per year in extra donations to support the school. He wanted the parish to be fully aware of the situation. Immediate as well as long-term decisions need to be made, he said. The meeting was then thrown open to the audience for comments and ideas.

Discussion

It was obvious from the speakers that both current school par-

ents and parishioners whose children had long since graduated were represented. Virtually all who addressed the group were firm in their desire to do all possible to keep the school open.

Some parents wanted to address specific teacher issues and why some students have left in mid-year, apparently those in the upper grades. Without going into specifics, Tappe assured all concerned that the issues were being dealt with appropriately.

Major issues centered on how to increase enrollment and how to raise funds to keep the school running. It was suggested that the parish investigate bringing the weekly bingo game back and possibly renting out Grenoble Hall for activities.

The use of volunteers in past years was mentioned. At the end, smaller focused meetings to discuss outreach and funding were set for April 7 and 8.

At all of the weekend masses Tappe relayed a summary of the meeting and asked parishioners to pledge money for 2009 to keep the school open. Suggestions from the community can be mailed or dropped off at the rectory.

Women's History Month

Scientist Eugenia Kalnay Works Globally and Locally

by Anne Carroll

Eugenia Kalnay may seem like just an ordinary resident of Greenbelt. Like many of us, she loves the community resources and the location, particularly because it allows her to bike to work. In fact, she came to Greenbelt because of her commute – she moved here from Takoma Park, drawn by the easy bike ride to her job at the University of Maryland, where she is a Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences.

That position suggests the way that Dr. Kalnay is not just an ordinary Greenbelt resident; instead, she is a world-renowned meteorologist who, through her work to increase the accuracy of weather forecasts, has made major contributions to the National Weather Service and her field in general.

In a nutshell, Kalnay explains, her work involves developing computer models of the atmosphere which allow scientists to predict the weather, particularly by integrating observations of daily weather into the models. Related to that is a focus on climate change, as well as the study of the interaction between the oceans and the atmosphere.

Personal Life

Kalnay almost went a different direction with her studies. She was born and raised in Buenos Aires, where she went to college. She expected to study physics but, while she was on vacation one year, her mother discovered a competition for scholarships in meteorology through the Na-



Eugenia Kalnay

tional Weather Service in Argentina, and she changed Kalnay's major on her college application. "When I came back from summer vacation," she says, "I had changed careers!"

Kalnay found that she was happy with the change –

both because she was glad to be involved in the competition (which awarded her a full-ride scholarship to the University of Buenos Aires) but also because she soon found that she loved meteorology. "It's a wonderful science," she says. "It's like doing physics but in a way that really helps mankind." That is particularly the case now, as the importance of understanding and addressing climate change becomes more and more acute.

Meteorology also is a science, Kalnay adds, that has "no frontiers." Because meteorologists measure the atmosphere through weather balloons and satellites, national boundaries are irrelevant; in fact, she says, meteorology really is a "world field."

Kalnay came to the United States to study for her PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which she received in 1971. She was "quite surprised," she says, to find herself the first woman to receive that degree in that field from MIT. "In Argentina, women were quite active in all of the professions," she explains. "About 40 percent of the people in my field when I was an undergraduate were women; I expected that number to be about 50 percent when I got to MIT but I was

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m. sharp, Annual Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Park, Children 18 months to 6th grade

Monday, April 13

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming on www.greenbeltnmd.gov

Tuesday, April 14

10:30 a.m. promptly, Spring GED Course Registration

Wednesday, April 15

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Discussion of Citywide Pedestrian and Bike Pathways

8 p.m., City Council Budget Worksession, Planning and Community Development, Community Center

Saturday, April 18

2 to 6 p.m., City Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Community Center

Letters

Bravo GAC!

An outstanding production of Amadeus. Really superb! Indeed, considering space restraints, it was nothing short of a truly great production.

Thank you to everyone concerned. A wonderful evening's entertainment. Well done!

Pauline Grant

Great Shows

My husband and I had the pleasure of attending two superb performances recently, one by a creative artist in Greenbelt and the other at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The MFA dance thesis by Angella Foster at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center moved me to tears by the spare eloquence of Foster's spoken narrative and her powerful choreography performed by a group of young dancers. Foster told the story of the women in her Kentucky family, their struggles and their ability to nurture life despite great adversity. Greenbelt is lucky to have Foster in our creative midst.

We also squeezed into the final show of Amadeus at the GAC, with Mozart's music performed live and riveting acting. No wonder it was sold out.

What a joy to live in this town!

*Marat Moore
Hillside Road*

Support Group Starts For Widowed People

The new six-week support program of the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service will begin on Thursday, April 16 at Rexford Place, 9885 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. The sessions are led by trained volunteers who are widowed themselves and are designed to help those who have lost their spouses within the last one or two years to adapt to their new circumstances.

The sessions will be held on six Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning April 16 and ending May 21. The program is open to both men and women of all races and creeds. There is no fee but pre-registration is required.

To register or for further information call Leonie Penney at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

New Deal Café Weekly Offerings

The New Deal Café continues to present music and entertainment this week.

Tuesday, April 14 from 7 to 9 p.m., is Izolda Trakhtenberg's student vocal showcase recital.

Wednesday, April 15 from noon to 2 p.m. will be a Café Lunchtime Concert with Amy Kraft on piano. From 7 to 9 p.m., Brena, a belly dancing duo, will shimmy to the left and right and other directions never imagined.

Thursday, April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session hosted by Joseph P. Harris, a weekly event well-known among local musicians and audiophiles for showcasing the D.C. Metro area's finest talent, both established and emerging.

Friday, April 17 from noon to 2 p.m. continues the Café Lunchtime Concert Series with Rebecca Lemus on clarinet and piano performing Jewish folk and light classical. From 6 to 8 p.m. will be supertime jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey, followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by Baltimore-import Julia Rose and her Man-Friend Showcase.

Weekend

Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., there will be basket making classes for all levels, led by Teddy Primack. There is a fee, which includes materials. (See ad on page 10 under notices.) From 4 to 6 p.m. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar, followed from 6 to 8 p.m. by John Guernsey playing jazz and blues piano. Buck Hill and the Small Trio will play jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, April 19 Magic Ray plays jazz from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a kid's open microphone session from 1 to 3 p.m., then country music by Busted Taillight from 5 to 8 p.m.

Mid-week Bird Walks At Lake Artemesia

Free mid-week spring bird walks on the Luther Goldman Birding Trail will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. from April 16 through August. Look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird life flyovers on the new trail around the lake.

This paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and alongside Indian Creek. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. The trips are for beginners and experts. Binoculars are suggested; no reservations needed. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

Craig Scholarship Season Now Open

The David R.S. Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) reminds ERHS 2009 seniors that the deadline for scholarship applications is April 25. This is the 23rd year for the fund's support of an ERHS senior's college education. Despite the economic climate, the Craig family of benefactors and friends of the fund will continue its \$10,000 (four years at \$2,500 per year) award. The fund seeks applications from young people engaged in community service, sports and recreation, academics, religious participation and school activities. Pick up applications at the school guidance office and mail the completed form to DCMSF, P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768 postmarked by April 25. Applications postmarked late will not be opened or considered.

Reunion

The DCMSF plans a reunion of past recipients on Saturday, June 6 at a time and location to be announced, the first of what they hope will be a yearly Greenbelt Day remembrance. Help is sought in locating the following past award winners: Rebecca Shue, Kimberlee Garland, Christina Howland, Shaunte Hines, Ashley Foster, Ian Young, Eileen Gray, Cheryl Blanchard, Jaclyn Hay, Tara Upchurch, Jeremiah Watts, Shannon Ambush and Lidia Lopez. Send information to P.O. Box 761 or call 301-474-7874.

Fund Drive


The fund's 2008-2009 solicitation drive is still in progress. Those interested in supporting higher learning in times of increasing educational expenses are asked to contribute. All donations are tax deductible; DCMSF is recognized by the United Way Program (#14153).

Easter Fun at Giant

On Saturday, April 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Giant Food grocery stores will hold a variety of Easter activities. There will be an Easter egg hunt hourly during the event with the winner of each hunt receiving a store-made Easter basket. All participants will receive Easter candy and a coloring book.

An Easter raffle drawing will be held each hour with prizes of store-made Easter baskets and other prizes. A cookie "egg" decorating station will be available in the bakery department and a chocolate fountain with strawberries, pretzels, pound cake and pineapple for dipping in the Produce Department.

Grin Belt



"Omit the pistachio nuts from your Easter treats this year."

Next P&J Film Is “War Made Easy”

“War Made Easy: How Presidents & Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death” is the next movie in the Peace & Justice Coalition progressive film series. The community is invited to see and discuss this well-received documentary based on the book by the same title on Sunday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

By familiarizing viewers with the techniques of war propaganda, ‘War Made Easy’ encourages viewers to think critically about the messages put out by today’s spin doctors – messages which are designed to promote and pro-

long a policy of militarism under the guise of the ‘war on terror.’” Solomon is the author of several books and of a weekly nationally syndicated column on media and politics, Media Beat. He is the founder and executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, a national consortium of policy researchers and analysts. Solomon has made guest appearances on a number of media outlets including the PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News Channel, C-SPAN, public radio’s Marketplace and NPR’s All Things Considered, Morning Edition and Talk of the Nation.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Call for Candidates

Board of Directors
Audit Committee
Nominations & Elections Committee

Have you considered serving on GHI's Board of Directors, Audit Committee or Nominations & Elections Committee? Five Board members will be elected at the May 21 election, as will be all three members of the Audit Committee and all five members of N&E.

GHI is one of the nation's largest, most stable, and most innovative housing cooperatives, and we need good leaders to keep it that way. An information packet, including the necessary information and forms, is available at the GHI offices or can be downloaded from the GHI members' web site. Just go to <http://ghi.coop> and click on "Elections." If you prefer, GHI will mail the packet to you, or you can request a personal delivery from an N&E member if you call Marjorie Gray at 301-474-6224. The deadline for filing with the N&E Committee or the GHI office is Monday, May 11.

Mark your calendar to attend the May 21 GHI Annual Meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center. Voting will take place following the meeting and from 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at the GHI offices.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
Tuesday, April 14, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library
7 p.m., Sustainable Design & Practices Committee – Board Room
Wednesday, April 15, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room
7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – GHI Lobby
7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room
7:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library
Friday, April 17, GHI Offices closed
Sunday, April 19, 12:30 p.m., Volunteers Luncheon – Fire Department
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library

Storytimes
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.
Wednesday, April 15, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
Thursday, April 16, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Adult Book Discussion
Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m., Deborah Rodriguez’s Kabul Beauty School.

TOPS Discusses “Mindless Eating”

On Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) will hold the first of a three-week discussion of Dr. Brian Wansink’s book, “Mindless Eating – Why do we eat more than we think?” at Greenbelt Baptist Church. The Greenbelt TOPS chapter sponsors the discussion. The first five chapters will be discussed at the April 14 meeting. A short visitor orientation is offered from 6:45 to 7 p.m.
The remaining chapters will be covered on Tuesdays, April 21 and 28. Dr. Wansink’s groundbreaking research shows how mindful eating, using simple techniques can lead to easy, sustainable weight loss. For more information about the Greenbelt TOPS chapter or the book discussion call 301-604-5806.
Greenbelt Baptist Church is at 101 Greenhill Road (at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill). Enter the church through the side door on the lower level.

C. S. Lewis Tale Is Free Monthly Movie

The free monthly movie to be held at the Greenbelt Senior Center, Room 111 of the Greenbelt Community Center, on Tuesday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. will be “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.”
Based on C.S. Lewis’ novel, this tale of enchantment follows four London children who are sent away to a country home for safety during World War II. There they discover a magical wardrobe that leads them to the mystical land of Narnia, which is ruled by an evil witch. The children join the lion Aslan to free Narnia from darkness.
For more information call 301-397-2208.

Chef Lou Explores Sugar-free Baking

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Greenbelt Chef Lou Parker on Friday, April 17 at 1 p.m. in room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Demonstrating that good baking does not necessarily require a great deal of sugar, Chef Lou will explain how to use such natural ingredients as apples, peaches and carrots instead of sugar to sweeten baked items.
Chef Lou is proprietor of Chef Lou’s Desserts in Roosevelt Center. He began cooking at the age of 12 and has worked for NSA, Marriott, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Chef Lou enjoys all types of cooking but finds that baking allows the cook to be especially creative.
Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Photo Club Meets, Prepares for Show

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Photo Club will be held on Tuesday, April 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112 and will focus on preparing for the June photo show.
The speaker for the meeting will be Community Center Art Supervisor Nicole DeWald, who will talk about how she will choose photographs for the show in June and what the technical requirements will be.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club held its business meeting on April 1. President Cathie Brannan presented the members with the need to spread the word about the Golden Age Club and to find new members. The club agreed to have an open house on April 29. Every member is asked to bring a friend who lives in Greenbelt. Come enjoy a social hour and refreshments. We have interesting speakers and lunches, play bingo and games and sponsor day trips. There is a trip planned for September to Mackinac Island, Michigan.

On April 22 we’ll play bingo. Remember the anniversary luncheon on April 15 at the Holiday Inn on U.S. #1 (near IKEA). Doors open at 11 a.m. The New Dimension Singers will entertain us with the Jukebox Jamboree before lunch.
Read the News Review for future events.

Basketmaking At New Deal

Basketmaking classes will be held at the New Deal Café beginning Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for those who have always wanted to learn how traditional baskets are made.
Classes are being formed on all levels including kids 10 to 14, adult beginners and experienced basket weavers.
For details call Teddy Primack at 240-731-2252 or email tprimack@yahoo.com.

Teens Write Resumés At Library Workshop

On Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. the Greenbelt library will offer a workshop designed to assist teens 13 to 18 who are looking for jobs. Library staff will help teens learn how to put their unique talents on paper. Participants will save their work to a library-provided CD, which they will be able to take home. Space is limited; call 301-345-5800 to register.

Student Recital At Café Tuesday

Izolda Trakhtenberg will host a student recital at the New Deal Café on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Come hear solo and group performances by singing students. There is no fee for admission.
For details call at 301-441-3005.

Free Tennis Clinic Is Held for Kids

There will be a free, 8-week Kid’s Spring Tennis Clinic sponsored by the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) in partnership with the Prince George’s Tennis & Education Foundation. Kids from 8 to 13 are welcome and equipment is provided. Donations are encouraged. The clinic will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays beginning April 23 through June 11 at the Braden Field Tennis Courts behind the Greenbelt Library. Participants must register; space is limited.
Call Cam MacQueen at 301-345-6293 to enroll or visit www.greenbelt.com/tennis for details.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Games

Date	Time	Games
Mon., April 13	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles
Tue., April 14	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians
Wed., April 15	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Tigers
Thur., April 16	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cardinals
Fri., April 17	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Indians
Sat., April 18	10 a.m.	Athletics vs. Yankees
Sat., April 18	1 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Giants

All games are played at McDonald Field.

Sir Walter Raleigh Inn

Easter Buffet

Serving a Full Buffet from 12 until 8 p.m.

Reservations Accepted. Contact 301-474-6051.

Buffet Menu:

Roasted Leg of Lamb	Crab Imperial
Slow Roasted Beef	Vegetable Lasagna
Black Forest Ham	Chicken Dishes
Honey Cajun Salmon	Vegetables, Starches

and much more!



\$29	Adults
\$24	Seniors (60 or older)
\$15	Kids 7-12 years
FREE	Children 6 and under

Yard Sale • Bake Sale • & Hoagies, Too!

April 18th

9 – 1 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church

Hillside & Crescent Rd.



OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF Apr. 10

Sunshine Cleaning (R)

Friday
*5:15, 7:30, 9:30
Saturday
*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:30
Sunday
*3, *5:15, 7:30
Monday-Thursday
*5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
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Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of Apr. 10

FRI. - SAT.
Monsters vs. Aliens, PG
11:10, 11:45, 1:20, 2:05, 3:30, 4:20, 5:45, 8, 10:05
Fast and Furious, PG (!)
11:20, 1, 1:45, 4, 4:30, 6:30, 7, 9:05, 9:30
Observe and Report, R (!)
11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:05
Dragonball Evolution, PG (!)
11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:05
Hannah Montana “The Movie,” G (!)
11:20, 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15
12 Rounds, PG-13
6:40, 9:40
The Haunting in Connecticut, PG-13
11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 6:40, 9:40

SUN. - MON.
Monsters vs. Aliens, PG
12:20, 12:35, 2:40, 3, 5:30, 8
Fast and Furious, PG (!)
12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 5:20, 7:50
Observe and Report, R (!)
12:45, 3, 5:20, 7:40
Dragonball Evolution, PG (!)
12:45, 3, 5:20, 7:40
Hannah Montana “The Movie,” G (!)
12:25, 3, 5:25, 8
12 Rounds, PG-13
5:20, 7:50
The Haunting in Connecticut, PG-13
12:30, 2:45, 5:30, 7:50

TUES. - THUR.
(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays)
Monsters vs. Aliens, PG
2:40, 3, 5:30, 8
Fast and Furious, PG
2:40, 5:10, 5:20, 7:50
Observe and Report, R (!)
3, 5:20, 7:40
Dragonball Evolution, PG (!)
3, 5:20, 7:40
Hannah Montana “The Movie,” G (!)
3, 5:25, 8
12 Rounds, PG-13
5:20, 7:50
The Haunting in Connecticut, PG-13
2:45, 5:30, 7:50

Obituaries

Cyril H. Femrite

After a 7-1/2 year battle with cancer, Cyril Hamilton Femrite, 83, died peacefully at his home in Frederick, Md., on April 1, 2009, surrounded by family. He handled his illness with courage, dignity and his usual positive attitude, living years beyond all expectations.

Mr. Femrite was born in Monona, Wisc., on December 18, 1925, one of five children to Helmer Olai Femrite and Edith Hamilton Femrite. After graduating from Wisconsin High School, Mr. Femrite served in the US Navy as a radioman during WWII and later graduated with high honors from Harvard University in 1947, earning a B.A. in political science.

“Cy” and “Gini” Femrite were married in April 1965 and lived in Greenbelt for 42 years. Mr. Femrite worked as an air traffic controller and in the executive branch of the Federal Aviation Administration for 34 years. He and Gini enjoyed many summers at their camp on Limekiln Lake in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. He was active there in the senior tennis group and played tennis regularly until the age of 80. He also enjoyed canoeing, sailing, hiking, playing bridge and poker, watching any and all sports, classical music, playing Yahtzee with his daughter Nancy, having lunch “with the boys” at Pier 7, gardening, cooking chili, fish chowder and the Norwegian dish “Lutefisk and Lefsa” and sipping on a dry martini.

Mr. Femrite is survived by his wife Virginia; daughter Leslie Bair of Frederick; daughter Annette and husband Bob Kerr of Frederick; daughter Nancy and husband Randy Femrite of Leesburg, Va.; brother Allyn Femrite, many dear nieces and nephews, grandchildren Corey, Sean and Ryan Bair; Ashley Maynard, Erik Femrite; and great-grandson Addison Maynard.

Cy will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

A memorial service, officiated by the Rev. Dr. James S. Flora was held on Saturday, April 4 at the Keeney and Basford Funeral Home in Frederick. Interment was private. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.keeneybasford.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702-1799.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of 42-year Greenbelt resident Cyril Femrite in Frederick on April 1, 2009.

Congratulations to:



Sharon Taylor Allemann receiving Boy Scouts’ Silver Beaver Award, accompanied by husband Bob on the right; and sons Dayton (left) and Bryce and Bryce’s wife Kathy.

– Former Greenbelter Sharon Taylor Allemann, a pioneer resident of Northway, who received the Boy Scouts’ Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor for Scout volunteer leaders in Anaheim, Calif., on March 18. Sharon attended Greenbelt schools, graduated from Northwestern High and the University of Maryland. She has lived in Huntington Beach, Calif., since the early 1960s. Her sister Doreen Flood lived on Ridge Road; Doreen’s daughter Angel was a member of the Greenbelt Swim Team.

– Erica Husser of Ridge Road, who received a graduate certificate from the Graduate School at

Virginia Tech at its December 2008 fall commencement ceremony in Blacksburg, Va.

– The eight ERHS students announced yesterday as National Achievement Scholarship winners: Abidemi S. Adenikinju, Danielle A. Dacosfa, Godly O. Jack, Ashley N. Powers, Neima Y. Rahim, Yasmin S. Boakye, Aria P. Miles and Kahlil M. Blount. Among 800 outstanding scholastically talented Black American students nationwide, each will receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

– Jean and Ed Cook on the birth of their sixth granddaughter, Eva Simone, on March 11, 2009. The new baby is the first child for Dr. Michael Cook and Dr. Jennifer Cook of Tampa, Fla.

In the “It’s a small world” Department: Greenbelters on the Recreation Department trip to the new National Harbor enjoyed a chat at the Visitors Center with a charming young woman, LaKeisha Hagler, who revealed that she attended Greenbelt Elementary School when it was housed in our present Community Center. Now a customer service representative with the Harbor staff, she remembered fondly her teachers Mrs. O’Connor, Mrs. Sturgill and Mrs. Lubetski.

To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland




HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Easter Week Schedule

Good Friday, April 10	12:15 & 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, April 12 Festive Service	10am

followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Reception

www.myholycross.org E-mail myholycross@verizon.net




St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church
7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Holy Week Services:
Palm Sunday Services, April 5 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Services, April 10 at noon and 7:30 p.m.
Great Vigil of Easter Service, Saturday April 11 at 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Services, April 12 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

An inclusive congregation!

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

**Mishkan Torah Congregation**
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

Easter Sunrise Service Planned
An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 12 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. Rain location is the Greenbelt Baptist Church at Crescent and Greenhill Roads. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to the park.

Plant Sale Saturday
The Beltsville Garden Club will hold spring plant sales on Saturdays, April 11 and May 9. The sales take place at High Point High School on Powder Mill Road in Beltsville from 8 a.m. to noon and will be held rain or shine. Visit the website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org for more information.



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor




Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
April 12, 10 a.m.
An Easter and Passover Observance
(Intergenerational service with flower communion)
Rev. John Manwell, co-minister; Carla Miller, director of Religious Exploration; Marilyn Pearl, worship associate; Vanessa Landau, guest speaker; and the PBUUC Choir



What is the Bahá'í Faith and who do Baha'is follow?
The Bahá'í Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all the races and peoples in one universal cause and one common faith. Bahá'is are the followers of Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892), who they believe is the Promised One of all ages. He said:
“That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith.”

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us



Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study


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“Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service”

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST




Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

“A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision...”

**Hope Fellowship**
... living life together

Bible Study & Worship
9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)
We want you to be a part of our celebration and worship!
301-474-4499
...living life together

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building



City Information

April 13, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Arbor Day – Proclamation
- Public Works Week – Proclamation
- Historical Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George’s County
- Granicus Live Video Streaming

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Park & Recreation Advisory Board Report #09-2

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Response to Petition on Parking Issue
- Concern about Energy Assistance Program
- Award of Purchase – Pickup Truck for Public Works
- Award of Purchase – Police Vehicles
- Classification Study
- Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program Award
- *- Reappointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

- Consent agenda

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 13-17

Monday, April 13 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming on www.greenbeltmd.gov

**Wednesday, April 15 at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL BUDGET
WORK SESSION re. Planning & Community Development,
Community Center.**

Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center. Agenda: I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 1, 2009, IV. discussion of the Development of a City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan V. Adjourn

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

The City of Greenbelt's

Celebration of Spring



Saturday, April 18th
2:00pm-6:00pm
Springhill Lake
Recreation Center



Enjoy an afternoon of fun and friendship
with your fellow neighbors and
the Greenbelt Recreation Department!



- ◆ Free Food & Drinks*
- ◆ Moonbounces
- ◆ Jr. Olympics Basketball Skills Competition
- ◆ Live Musical Entertainment
- ◆ Carnival Games, Clowns, Tattoos
- ◆ Make & Take Art Projects
- ◆ Bike Check-Ups from the Greenbelt Police Department







*While Supplies Last.

CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (301)397-2200 FOR MORE INFORMATION!
WEATHER & INFORMATION HOTLINE: (301)474-0646.

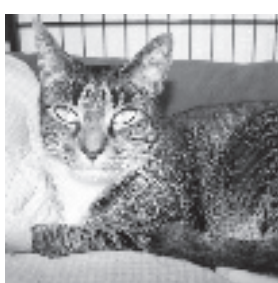
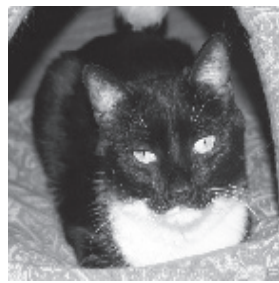
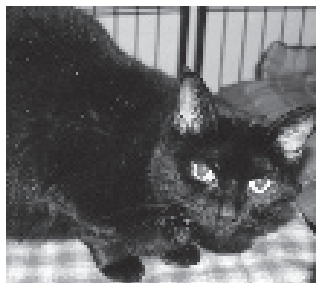
EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS
SATURDAY, APRIL 25 FROM 10:30am-2:00pm
 outside of the

GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER, 99 Centerway
Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Free Earth Day T-Shirts while they last. Learn how to build and plant a successful rain garden. Free instructions and plants will be available to help you get started at home. Help plant native plants and help address erosion and storm water quality issues. At noon, join the Advisory Committee on Trees in a tree planting to commemorate Arbor Day. Take a tree tour at 12:15 of the city's largest and most unusual trees. For more information call 301-474-8308.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

Greenbelt Pets of the Month

Greenbelt Pets of the Month
Congratulations to Sunflower, Milan and Tom on their adoptions!



Bonkers: (left) friendly and lively young black male
Becky: (center) young affectionate female tuxedo. White paws and chest.
Kimmie: (right) young female gray tiger with white chest. Friendly and sweet.

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124. The Animal Shelter at 550A is open weekly for visitations and adoptions on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm
The Greenbelt Animal Shelter gladly accepts donations of pet supplies.

SPRING GED COURSE REGISTRATION TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:30am
 Course is free for Greenbelt Residents. \$175 for Non-
 Greenbelt Residents. For more information contact
 Judy Hering at 301-345-6660

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS
NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21**

AND STREAMING LIVE at www.greenbeltmd.gov
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 13 at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live)
 Tuesday and Thursday, April 14 & 16: 6pm “Ask the Expert”
 6:30pm: “Co-op Cooking Show” 7pm: “Museum Lecture”
 8:00pm: “City Council Budget Work Session”
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, April 15 & 17: 7pm: “Environmental Law Eco System’s rights” 8:15pm “Passion Play 2008”

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Planning Board, Advisory Committee on Education. For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Application Deadline:
April 24, 2009



**ANNUAL EGG
HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL
11 at 10:00AM
SHARP!
BUDDY ATTICK
PARK**

Children from 18 months through 6th grade should come out and help find the eggs that the bunny and his helpers have hidden.
Info: 301-397-2200
Weather Line: 301-474-0646

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue
Workers
Saturday, April 11, from
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City
Office and the Commu-
nity Center
Info: City of Greenbelt
Recycling Office at
301-474-8308.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for city information!

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2007 through 2009 and what he proposes for FY10.

This year he demonstrates that in FY08, the city made a good effort to achieve a fund balance at the desired level of approximately 10 percent of city overall expenditures for the year; however, for FY09 the percentage drifted back below the 10 percent level. His proposed budget is predicated on restoring the undesignated fund balance to the optimum 10 percent level, he said, designed to assure that the city could weather a severe fiscal downturn. For FY10 the recommended fund balance is \$2,543,037.

McLaughlin used a highlighted copy of page 21 of the budget to explain that although the estimated property tax assessment (all properties) for FY10 will total nearly \$2.5 billion or 13.2 percent over that of FY09 the actual increase for the city is 8.1 percent due to the application of the state-mandated Homestead Credit (\$381,555,000), the city’s Homeowners Credit (\$3,816,800) and Real Property Tax Abatements (\$50,890,600).

He also noted that the Homestead Credit is approaching 16 percent of the total assessment for Greenbelt. He said that issue would need to be explored with state officials as to what it means for the future.

He also noted that the Homestead Credit excess (\$2,999,000 for FY10) represents a kind of cushion for the city revenue capacity if the reassessments for 2009-2011 were to drop precipitously – a sort of good news for the city, bad news for the property owner scenario.

Revenue Sources

The next handout was a two-page description of all sources of revenue for the city and the city staff’s best estimate for what levels of income from the various sources the city might expect to fund the FY10 budget. The lead paragraph reads: “Reviewing proposed FY 2010 revenues, you

will notice that many . . . have been kept at FY 2009 levels. The reason for this is that staff is hopeful that the current recession may find a bottom in calendar year 2009.”

The largest revenue source for the city is property taxes. For FY10 the percentage for all property taxes is 68 percent (real estate and personal property). By itself real estate taxes account for 61 percent of all revenues.

Abatements for corporate taxes are budgeted for \$400,000 in FY10, up from \$260,000 in FY09. The information provided to council indicated that one of the office buildings in Capital Office Park lost its major tenant last year and that could result in a tax abatement and lower revenues. Current market conditions could cause tax abatements of concern for other commercial property in the city as well.

Another source of revenue is state-shared taxes. Included in this category are the state income tax paid by Greenbelt residents, hotel/motel receipts, admissions and amusement taxes and highway user taxes. Income tax revenue for the city declined 3.0 percent in FY08 and is tracking nearly 1 percent lower for FY09.

The proposed budget keeps the FY10 level the same as the estimated receipts in FY09. Likewise, staff is projecting the hotel/motel and admission/amusement taxes at the FY09 level.

A more risky projection is for the city’s expected share in FY10 of Maryland highway user taxes. The FY10 budget proposes an amount that is \$100,000 lower than that for FY09. There is concern, however, that actions taken by the Maryland General Assembly late in the current legislative session that ends next week may reduce this expected revenue source more drastically.

Other Sources

The rest of city revenue sources are also feeling the impact of the recession and fiscal crisis.

Proposed revenue projections for those accounts, such as service charges, fines and forfeitures and interest are either being kept level or decreased. For FY10, the handout summarizes the situation with the statement: “the increase from real estate taxes accounts for all of the (revenue) increase in FY10. Real estate taxes (less abatements, homestead and homeowner credits) are estimated to increase \$1,389,400 and all other revenue sources are proposed to decline by \$142,600.”

With such a constraint council seems interested in looking at every line item in the budget. The manager helps them in that task by extracting from the printed budget document a complete listing of every single line item for general fund expenditures, including salaries and benefits, fixed operating costs, variable operating costs and fund transfers and contributions to reserves.

Yet another handout was a March 27 memo from the city manager to council labeled “Budget Stuff.” This consisted of an explanation for the staff recommendation to close the contract postal facility at the Municipal Building, citing the limited usage by an average of 12-14 visitors per day at an annual cost of \$20,000 per year. It also contained a rationale to calculate the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the past year and the manager’s decision to use another method to arrive at a recommended 1 percent CPI level rather than 4.5 percent for city classified employees not subject to the collective bargaining agreement between the city and the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police.

Also included were a brief discussion of a Greenbelt in Focus proposal on which the manager is requesting direction from council and a staff analysis of funding needs for various city reserve funds based upon a process developed at the time of the FY05 budget hearings. This process

has failed to meet the projected goals, making the plan not useful, he said.

These items were briefly discussed but were generally left for subsequent discussion and/or possible action by council. Council raised questions regarding the collective bargaining agreement in terms of its fairness, as well as the upcoming discussion of the city employee classification plan scheduled for April 13.

Questions were also raised regarding the city department’s efforts at energy use reduction and savings. McLaughlin noted that he has not really tasked the departments in those areas and was relying on a more comprehensive approach. With the proposed staffing addition at the Department of Public Works for an energy coordinator, FY10 should result in such a plan, he pointed out.

Related somewhat to this topic, the mayor expressed disappointment with the staff response to the recent Earth Hour global promotion. She felt there could have been more effort for city participation in the attempt to reduce lighting during the Earth Hour one-hour period calling for lights out. Councilmembers agreed.

Further Reviews

Several other items were raised by councilmembers during a page-by-page review of the General Government portion of the budget:

Staff and council need to make sure that organizations requesting the city install their promotional banners should be prepared to provide banners for all three areas of the city. Staff is considering appropriate locations for event banners in Greenbelt East and will present recommendations to council.

What is the status of the proposed roundabout construction at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive? The manager explained that the responsible developer has defaulted on the contribution to

fund the roundabout and staff is investigating city options with the bondholders.

What would be the impact if the city contracted out the pick-up of trash and recyclables throughout the city? Is the city’s trash and recycle service competitive with contractors that perform the service for some Greenbelt neighborhoods? It was agreed that such a question required a lot more information and thought.

The city’s Public Information and Community Promotion Office was applauded for the recent introduction of video streaming of council meetings, making the meeting available via internet for those who do not have cable service.

What is the status of the overtime situation with police dispatchers? The manager indicated that vacant slots are being filled.

Not satisfied that council had enough handouts, Davis closed the worksession by asking the manager for two additional handouts prepared in previous years: analysis of the impact of real estate assessments by project /housing type and a chart providing comparable tax rates for other jurisdictions in Prince George’s County.

Planetarium Program At Science Center

Howard B. Owens Science Center, at 9601 Greenbelt Road, presents The Sky & the Nile on Friday, April 17. The ancient Egyptians were participants in a cosmic drama in which the people and their universe all had roles to play. With the planetarium, people can read some of the script and watch some of the actors play their parts. The guest presenter is Craig Levin. Doors open at 7 p.m. for early activities and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Call 301-918-8750 during school hours for more information. There is a nominal fee for this program.

The following citizens of Greenbelt support the community pledge of Greenbelt.

We support diversity in our community and diversity on our City Council

Suzette M. Agans
Helen Cornejo
Erica Ginsberg
Jeannette Grotke
Josh Hamlin
Pam Hamlin

Donna Hoffmeister
Emmett Jordan
David Lange
Sandra Lange
Bruce Leland
Cynthia Leland

Sylvia Lewis
Ann Landry Lombardi
Shirley Ann Middleton
Alice A. Mitchell
Cynthia Newcomer
Bill Orleans

Lowell Owens
Robert Rand
Che Sayles
Kaniya Sayles
Terry K. Vanzetti

COMMUNITY PLEDGE

(adopted by the Greenbelt City Council on 9/24/01)

*The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation.
We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together.
By sharing together all are enriched.
We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people.*

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Farm Fresh Produce			
Imported Seedless Grapes	Red/White/Black	\$1²⁹ _{lb.}	California U.S. #1 Carrots 2 lb. bag 99¢
Fresh Grade A Russet Potatoes	5 lb.	\$1⁸⁸	Imported Ripe Cantaloupe each \$1⁵⁰
Fresh Crunchy Pears	Anjou/Bartlett	\$1²⁹ _{lb.}	Fresh #1 Large Cauliflower each \$2⁵⁰

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts	\$1⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Fresh Natural Pork Sirloin Roast or Chops	\$2⁴⁹ _{lb.}
Fresh Value Pack 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef	\$2⁴⁹ _{lb.}	Fresh Shurfine Whole Frying Chicken	\$1¹⁹ _{lb.}
Fresh Choice Beef Boneless New York Strip Steaks	\$5⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Fresh Choice Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roast	\$2⁹⁹ _{lb.}
Fresh Value Pack Chicken Leg Quarters	89¢ _{lb.}	Fresh Choice Beef Boneless Sirloin Tip Steaks	\$3⁹⁹ _{lb.}

Dairy		Deli		Frozen	
Dannon Assorted Yogurt 6 oz.	50¢	Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice Assorted 59-64 oz.	\$2⁵⁰	Banquet Assorted Dinners 5-10 oz.	\$1²⁵
Kraft Naturals Chunk Cheese Assorted 6-8 oz.	\$2⁰⁰	Land-O-Lakes Margarine Quarters 1 lb.	99¢	Stouffer’s Red Box Entrees Select Varieties 6-21 oz.	\$1⁹⁹
Eagle Angle Dent Tooth Brushes 3 pk.	99¢	Fresh Catch Bay Scallops	\$4⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Mrs. Renfro’s Gourmet Salsa Assorted 16 oz.	\$2⁹⁹
Western Family 2-in-1 Dandruff Shampoo 14.2 oz.	\$2⁵⁰	Seabest Frozen Flounder Fillets	\$3³⁹ _{lb.}	Bigelow Organic Tea Assorted 20 pk.	\$2⁹⁹
Health & Beauty		Seafood		Natural & Gourmet	
Join us for a cooking demonstration with Corporate Chef Bill Scepansky on Wed., April 15th from 11am til 2pm in our fresh produce department.		Deli Gourmet Corned Beef		Bakery	
		Deli Gourmet Swiss Cheese		Fresh Store Baked Pumpernickle or Rye Bread loaf	
				Fresh Store Baked Original Peach Pie 8 inch	

Mueller’s Assorted Pasta 12-16 oz.	\$1⁰⁰	Ragu Pasta Sauce Assorted 16-26 oz.	\$1²⁵	Purex Ultra Liquid Laundry Detergent 80 oz.	\$4⁵⁰	Shurfine Mayonnaise or Salad Dressing 32 oz.	\$2⁵⁰
Folgers Regular Value Size Ground Coffee Assorted	\$6⁴⁹	Chicken of the Sea Chunk White Tuna 5 oz.	\$1²⁵	Musselman’s Apple Juice 64 oz.	\$2⁰⁰	Shurfine Macaroni & Cheese Assorted 5-7 oz.	60¢
						Bush’s Best Baked Beans Assorted 22-28 oz.	
						3/\$5⁰⁰	

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6 pk.–12 oz. cans

\$4⁶⁹

Little Penguin Wines

750 ML

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Beer & Wine

Woodbridge Wines 1.5 Liter

\$12⁹⁹

Newcastle Brown Ale

6 pk.–12 oz.

\$7⁹⁹

Miller Genuine Draft Beer

12 pk.–12 oz. cans

\$9⁴⁹

Tosti Asti Spumante

750 ML

\$9⁹⁹

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or
http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

March 27, 7:47 p.m., Springhill Lane and Breezewood Drive, people were walking on the sidewalk when they were approached by two men, who each displayed handguns as they announced a robbery. After obtaining wallets from the people, the men fled the scene in a vehicle described as a gray Jeep Cherokee. The suspects are described as a black male, 19 to 20 years of age, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 160 pounds wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans; and a black male, 19 to 20 years of age, 5'9" to 6", 140 to 160 pounds, wearing a gray jacket and blue jeans.

March 29, 8:19 p.m., Sunoco Service Center, a man entered the station, approached the cashier and announced a robbery. A weapon was implied but not displayed. The man fled the store without receiving money from the cashier. The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 40 years of age, 5'10" to 6', 160 to 200 pounds with short hair, wearing dark pants, a dark blue hooded sweatshirt and glasses.

April 1, 8:42 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident youth was arrested for two counts of strong-arm robbery after he allegedly took purses from two women. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Assault

March 30, 8:17 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for second-degree assault after she allegedly shot another juvenile with a bb-type gun, causing a minor injury. She was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

April 1, 8:21 p.m., the path near Gardenway, a person was assaulted by two females after they asked her for a dollar. She was not injured.

Drug Arrest

March 31, 12:35 a.m., 400 block Ridge Road, a resident man was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

March 28, 7:10 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a resident youth was arrested for trespass and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

March 29, 12:07 a.m., Willy K's Bar and Restaurant, a resident woman was arrested for trespass and released on citation pending trial.

Theft

March 27, 10:02 a.m., Greenbelt Middle School, unknown person(s) took two laptop computers from the school.

Vandalism

March 27, 5:53 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

March 27, 7:48 p.m., Spellman Overpass, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize the emergency call box.

March 29, 5:47 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a bb-type gun was used to shoot out the bedroom window of a residence. Two suspects seen leaving the area on bicycles are described as a black male, 15 to 18 years of age, 5'10" to 6', 120 to 130 pounds with black hair, wearing a green shirt and blue jeans; and a black male, 15 to 18 years of age, 5'10" to 6', 120 to 130 pounds with black hair, wearing a black shirt

and black jeans.

March 29, 7:19 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

March 30, 11:46 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Burglaries

March 27, 9:07 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a laptop computer was reported taken.

March 27, 9:27 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a video camera, a GPS unit and watches were among the items reported taken.

March 30, 5:47 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, it was reported that jewelry was taken.

April 1, 5:56 p.m., 8000 block

Mandan Road, a laptop computer, cash, a video game player, video games and CDs were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 2004 Ford Econoline van from the 9100 block Edmonston Court and recovered the same day; a 2006 Carr Utility trailer, Maryland tag 932079G from the 6400 block Ivy Lane; and a silver 2003 Infiniti Q45 4-door, Georgia tags BDH0517 from the 8000 block Mandan Road.

A 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door automobile was taken for unauthorized use from the 20 Court Southway and a warrant was obtained charging a nonresident man with unauthorized removal of property. The vehicle was

recovered and the man arrested on April 2.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 6200 block Springhill Court (slashed tires), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (broken rear window), 9100 block Edmonston Court (broken rear window), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (broken rear window), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (broken rear window) and 8900 block Edmonston Road (broken side view mirrors).

Theft from vehicles was reported at the following locations: 6100 block Springhill Terrace (boots), 6100 block Breezewood Court (temporary tag), 7300 block Frankfort Drive (both front seats) and 8000 block Mandan Road (tires and rims).

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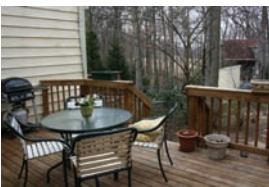
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surprised by the lack of women in the graduate program.”

After she graduated she came to the Washington, D.C., area to work at NASA, where she was a senior scientist and then a branch head at the Goddard Space Flight Center and where she earned the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement.

While she was there, she ran a personal ad in the Washingtonian magazine. One of the respondents was Malise Dick, an economist from Scotland who worked for the World Bank. Shortly, Kalnay decided he was “the one for me!” He proved to be a wonderful, supportive husband, she says. They had been married for 28 years when he died of a heart attack in 2007.

She was helped through that difficult time by her son from her first marriage, Jorge Rivas, who lives in Minneapolis. “He was very helpful,” she says, “but he’s also just a wonderful person!”

Professional Development

In the meantime, Kalnay spent 10 years as the director of the Environmental Modeling Center (EMC) of the National Centers of Environmental Protection. It provides computer models to the National Weather Service (NWS), which is a branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. When she started at the EMC in 1987, she says, the NWS in the United States was “way behind” services in other parts of the world. By the time she left in 1997 the NWS was far more on par with services elsewhere.

Kalnay received two gold

medals from the Department of Commerce while she worked at EMC, one for her work as director of the center, particularly her efforts to make its forecasts more accurate and the other for her development of a program that analyzed data on the atmosphere over the past 60 years. This program has become the most widely used data system in the field; a paper that she wrote about it in 1996 has become the most cited paper in the geosciences.

Kalnay’s work also was recognized by her selection, in 1996, as a member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). Members and associates are chosen by their peers; selection signifies being among the world’s most accomplished engineers, according to the NAE. In addition to more than 100 peer reviewed papers, Kalnay wrote a book, Atmospheric Modeling, Data Assimilation and Predictability, which was published in 2002 by Cambridge University Press and has become a best seller in its field, has gone through four printings and has even been translated into Chinese.

In 1997 she left EMC to become the Robert E. Lowry Chair in Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. But she missed the Washington, D.C., area and when she had the opportunity to move to the University of Maryland she and her husband were happy to return. Kalnay joined Maryland’s Department of Meteorology (now the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science) in 1999.

Current Work

At Maryland, Kalnay teaches only graduate students with whom she says she loves to work, particularly because she values the opportunity to nurture young scientists, many of whom have moved on to careers of their own. Her friend Maggie Cahalan emphasizes that she spends a great deal of time mentoring her students. “She’s really, really strong at providing mentoring and intellectual stimulation for them,” Cahalan says.

Kalnay also is committed to helping students move through the graduate program as efficiently as possible. She was chair of the department for three years, and one of her focuses was on revamping the curriculum to allow people to move through the program more quickly. Maryland, which is one of 20 or 30 universities to offer graduate degrees in meteorology, is “near the top of the pack” in its field, she reports.

Kalnay’s work at the university was honored when she was named Distinguished University Professor in 2001. She also received Maryland’s 2006 Kirwin Award and she was granted the first Eugenia Brin Endowed Professorship in Data Assimilation in 2008.

One of her recent accomplishments involved a major workshop in Buenos Aires in October 2008, which was “very successful,” Kalnay says and that success made her very happy. She was glad to help make the contribution to the University of Buenos

Aires, she explains, because “I got an incredibly good education for free there and I would like to pay them back in some way.” The university returned the favor, awarding Eugenia its highest honor, a doctorate honoris causa.

Greenbelt Activities

Despite her amazingly busy and productive professional life, Kalnay makes time to be a very active part of Greenbelt and the surrounding communities. Cahalan calls her “an active person who does a lot in the community,” including “working very hard for peace causes,” tutoring for a program for children of immigrants in Langley Park and serving as a board member for CHEARS, the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society. Clearly she is someone who sets a wonderful example of working toward positive change both globally and locally.

Metro Holds Hearing On Bus Service

Metro has scheduled a public hearing on changes in service for Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Road in Hyattsville, located near the Prince George’s Plaza Metro Station. The Department of Public Works and Transportation will provide shuttle service from the Greenbelt Metrorail Station beginning at 5:30 p.m.

UM Offers Two Jazz Concerts

On Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. the UM School of Music will present two free concerts, Chamber Jazz Parts I and II, with Chris Vadala, music director. Student combos will perform at Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts.





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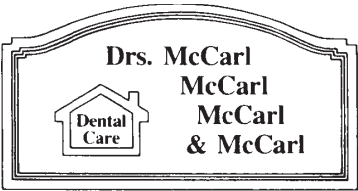


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Observatory Dedication Draws a Bead on the Sky

by Doug Love and Martha Gay

Saturday afternoon, April 4 saw the dedication of the City of Greenbelt Observatory. In true Greenbelt spirit, the recycled dome (a gift from Montgomery Community College) sits atop Observatory Hill at Northway Fields surrounded by a recycled asphalt surface. Astronomical Society of Greenbelt members Carol Beigel (with grandson Benjamin Russell), George Gliba and the writers worked to the last minute to ready the dome, install red rope lights and clean and test everything.

Installed in the dome is a 14-inch Mead Memorial telescope, named in honor of Jaylee and Gilbert Mead – early and generous supporters of the observatory and former Greenbelt residents, both of whom worked for many years at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Twenty-nine people signed the guest book and an estimated 33 attended some part of the ceremonies. Mayor Judith Davis spoke of her earliest recollections of the sky – being shown constellations by her parents. She noted that having an observatory has brought to the city council a new awareness of the importance of properly designed outdoor lighting.

Representing County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, Bob Doyle

extended congratulations to the city and to the Astronomical Society. Longtime Greenbelt residents Doug Love and George Gliba recalled the early days of the Astronomical Society and acquisition of the dome and telescope.

Jaylee Mead was unable to attend in person but sent her congratulations and best wishes. The big surprise of the day was the gift of a Sky Atlas 2000 from Gary Hand of Hands on Optics in Damascus, Md. Tours of the dome followed.

Many more visitors, including a Cub Scout pack, came to the star party, cosponsored by the Goddard Astronomy Club, on Saturday evening. A steady stream of people climbed into the dome to view celestial objects such as the Moon and Saturn until 11 p.m. A second star party on Sunday, also held jointly with the Goddard Astronomy Club, drew a somewhat smaller but equally enthusiastic audience.

The Astronomical Society hopes to open the dome to the public on a regular basis on clear nights. It also will be available for special occasions by appointment.

Doug Love and Martha Gay are members of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt.

Springhill Lake Arsonist Gets Eight Years in Prison

by Karl B. Hille

Setting more than nine fires in a five-month “terror spree” in Springhill Lake Apartments in 2007 netted Jeremiah Christopher Jones eight years in prison and three years supervised release during his sentencing before U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr., on April 2.

Prosecutors sought 12 years, calling Jones a menace who “will burn again” and referring to the five-month period of burnings as a “terror spree” designed to inflict the most damage, bypass sprinkler systems and hit when people were asleep.

“He kept setting fires to occupied buildings week after week,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney James Crowell.

In return for psychological treatment, Jones pleaded guilty to setting nine fires.

Defense attorney Paula Xinis agreed Jones deserved to be punished but argued the worst of the fires would not have caused millions in loss and damages if the apartments were built to code.

Laying groundwork for a compensation hearing June 29, she called fire prevention expert Dale Wheeler to testify that shoddy construction played a role in the \$1 million-plus damages estimated from the first fire at 9150 Edmonston Road.

With appropriate fire stops in the utilities shafts, the fire would not have spread from the basement laundry room through to the attic, Wheeler said. Other fires set by Jones burned out quickly after smoldering in the enclosed spaces where he left rags, stuffed animals or old clothing burning.

“That kind of fire would burn very poorly, probably smolder for a period of time,” Wheeler said.

“There’s not a good chance if you’re trying to set a fire. Many of these locations would end up oxygen-limited.”

Most fires did exactly that, he said, with damage estimates set at \$500, according to court records.

“The difference between \$500 and more than a million dollars damage is like the difference between apples and rocket fuel,” Xinis said.

Jones sat still through the hearing, occasionally tapping his fingertips on the glass tabletop or bouncing a knee as fire investigators and attorneys haggled over his acts.

“I would like to say I’m very sorry for the people I did hurt,” Jones said when asked if he wanted to address the court. “It won’t happen again. This is a wake-up call for me. I’m sorry for the lady I had hurt. I blame myself for the stupid stuff I done. I did hurt myself. I also hurt my family.”

Judge Williams rejected extraordinary sentencing, saying guidelines account for the more heinous aspects of serial arson.

“He obviously is suffering mentally and psychologically and needs a lot of work,” he said of Jones. “All indications are that he loves burning and he is a real danger to the public.”

The judge also ordered Jones not to set foot on Springhill Lake – now Empirian Village – property without permission from his probation officer.

“I don’t think it’s enough after all the lives he’s ruined,” said former Springhill Lake resident Dawn Dempsey, who testified for the prosecution. “He’s been in trouble before and he’s set fires before. He set fires at a time when he knew people would be sleeping.”



Astronomical Society of Greenbelt founders George Gliba (left) and Doug Love discuss efforts to build an observatory in Greenbelt.


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Air Museum Holds Kids Art Contest

In honor of College Park Airport’s centennial, the museum is holding an art contest that is open to students in grades K-12 in three grade categories: K-3, 4-8 and 9-12. Entry deadline is April 15 at 5 p.m. The top entries will be on display at the museum during May. A prize will be awarded to the winners of each category.

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Read This Before Filing Your TAX RETURN!

**Many People Will Miss Out On BIGGER REFUNDS
This Year Just Because They Weren’t Sure Which Forms
To Use and Might Benefit From a Second Opinion!**

(Don’t Let Uncle Sam Keep Your Hard Earned Money This Tax Season!)

Congress has passed some very confusing tax laws! To protect yourself from filing an “incorrect” tax return this year and missing out on a ton of cash that is supposed to be YOURS, you better call a tax professional to help you get ALL the money you deserve back from the IRS!

Hi, my name is Bob Newland and I have been a tax professional in this area for 29 years. I have an office on Route 1 near Wendy’s, and an experienced “hand picked” staff. Robert C. Newland & Associates will not only prepare your tax return, we will help you keep the highest amount of money legally possible, **AND, if we prepare your return, We Will Electronically File Your Tax Return with the IRS AND the State of Maryland for FREE!**

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